



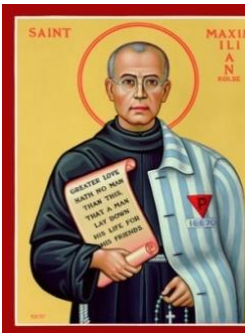
The Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe

Newsletter The Passion of the Lord – 29th March 2026

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Prayer Requests – please pass these into the Sacristy.



YouTube

Masses from St. Edward's are streamed live on our YouTube page – Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish. Masses from Holy Spirit will be streamed on our Facebook Page

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZaCv2yYfq39wZY2phiaymg>

ALPHA 13

Our next Alpha Course starts on Tuesday April 7th at 6.30 pm.

The Holy Spirit Day Saturday 23rd May.

OUR HOLY WEEK, OUR GREAT WEEK, BEGINS!

ALL THAT WE CELEBRATE THIS WEEK, JOYS AND SORROWS, NEW LIFE.

We cannot keep this to ourselves!

Who are you going to invite?

Our user-friendly resources are – Alpha Coasters, Business style cards carrying all the information, 11.02 cards with space for you to write the names of three people and with the parish pray for them at 11.02 am each day and read Luke 11.02, posters and fliers.

There are also resources on our social media!

Our appreciative thanks to Josh, Shirley and Jeff who spoke to the parish and shared their overwhelmingly positive experiences of Alpha. Jeff concluded with – IT'S FANTASTIC!

We need five more parishioners to prepare meals for Alpha. This is a wonderful way to support our parish initiative. Of course you will be reimbursed! please sign up on the sheet

Please offer the skills and talents the Lord has given you and support ALPHA 13 email

alphamkruncorn@gmail.com

If you're joining us on the course this year, please email us or sign up at the back of Church

Lent concludes on Thursday,

at dusk we enter the Sacred Triduum an even more focused time of prayer and fasting.

Aid to the Church in Need has decided that all monies received during Lent will be used to support, the education of children and young people living in the old city of Jerusalem. If you wish to support this charity helping our brothers and sisters who experience great difficulties in their own homeland a basket will available in our churches. If you pay tax, please complete the Gift-Aid form so that the tax can be reclaimed for the charity.

Thank you so much for the quite incredible response to ALMSGIVING with the huge amount of food stuffs etc and money being gifted by the parish to Runcorn Food Bank

Knit and Natter – Monday 30th March 1:30 – 3:30pm

If you can't knit, come for a natter. All are welcome.

Please keep the following in your Prayers!

Claire Kennedy, Carol Davison, Jacqui Dunn, Patrick Brolly, Catherine Harrison, Pauline Hanlon, Barbara Burgess, Darren Brown, Neil Watling, Sheila Jones, Julius, Maz Thompson, Tom McKenzie, Anne, Fred Scowcroft, Michelle Hughes, June Keane, Lucas Goodier, Ryan Wooster, Laura Kelly, Marilyn & Dave,

If you would like to add a person's name to the prayer list, please pass it into one of the sacristies.

Runcorn Food Bank

The foodbank is currently requesting donations of:
**Fruit Juice, Tinned Tomatoes, Packets of Mashed Potato, Jam,
Deodorant, Shampoo, Bars of Soap**

Please consider supporting the Foodbank financially as well as giving food so they can focus on the items low in stock. All financial donations for the next year will be spent on food.

Please go to our new Online Donation page or go to our website for further details

<https://runcorndistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

Rhoscolyn Parish Retreat Weekend

We have booked our next Parish Retreat Weekend in Rhoscolyn for **23rd – 25th October 2025**.

If you wish to come along and have not already booked your place, please speak to Fr. Peter or Clare Williams as soon as possible so that final numbers can be confirmed. Cost is £120.00

Non Refundable Deposit of £30.00 per person required by 29th March

The First Sunday after Easter Sunday – Divine Mercy Sunday

An important date for your diary

Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland, and said that the souls that will go to Confession Mass and receive Holy communion on that day will obtain a complete remission of sins and punishment. A service will be held at 2pm in Our Lady's, Palacefields, or Holy Family Church, Cronton. **Saint John Paul II recommended this to everyone.**

Diocesan Vacancy

Due to retirement, a vacancy has arisen within the Diocese for a Health & Safety officer.

Salary £32,000 - £38,000 dependant on experience. **Hours:** 25 per week, term time only,

Please send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Closing date 10 April. Further details can be found on the Diocesan Website

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be holding our first 2026 Hospitality Members Focus Group on Tuesday 21st April, at 7pm. This will be open to any Hospitality members, even if you haven't attended previous Focus Groups. We will be encouraged to review the commitments made last year to improve our way of working with each other. We are also delighted that Fr Sean Henry, Chaplain to the Hospitality, will join us. This will take place at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL. Please confirm your attendance by emailing secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

Knitted Easter Novelties will be on sale after weekend Masses. All proceeds for parish funds.

Appeal for Donations for Easter Flowers

Following the very generous response from parishioners for the Christmas flowers, we are appealing for donations for flowers to decorate our two churches at Easter.

If you would like to donate, please use the box marked "Flowers" in the back wall of St. Edward's church, or place any donations in an envelope marked 'Flowers' and hand in at either church.

St Maximilian Kolbe 50:50 Club Draw Winners

November 2025	Number: 111	Prize £37.50	Winner: Paul Waller
December 2025	Number: 76	Prize £42.50	Winner: Hilder Warder
January 2026	Number: 178	Prize £42.50	Winner: Pauline Leach
February 2026	Number: 34	Prize £42.50	Winner: Pauline Leach

Please see Father Peter for your prize cheque

Warm Space – Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.30 am St Edward's

All Are Welcome for tea, toast and a chat!

The Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe

Celebrations of Mass times, prayer & scripture study
Masses from St Edward's are Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel
Search for Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish

Palm Sunday

Saturday 28th March 2026

St Edward's 5 pm Mass Peter Redican

Sunday 29th March 2026

Holy Spirit 9 am Mass Camilo & Maria Rato

St Edward's 10.30 am Parishioners

Monday

St Edward's 9.45 am Requiem Mass Michael McCann

St Edward's/Zoom 7 pm Opening the Word – *New Time!!!*

All Are Welcome!

Tuesday

Holy Spirit 12 Noon Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Wednesday

St Edward's 6.30 pm Stations of the Cross

St Edward's 7 pm Mass James White

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday

Holy Spirit 8 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Francis Ferandes

Followed by Watching at St Edward's until 10.30 pm

Good Friday

St Edward's 3 pm The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

St Edward's 12 Noon Blessing of Easter Baskets

St Edward's 7 pm Paschal Vigil Private Intention

Easter Sunday

Sunday 5th April 2025

Holy Spirit 9 am Parishioners

St Edward's 10.30 am Julie Complete Healing